

CLAIMS

Therefore, the following is claimed:

1 1. A method for improving communication of video data in a communication system
 2 comprising the steps of:
 3 associating a plurality of video data with a dominant image;
 4 associating a plurality of video data with a background image;
 5 allocating a first percentage of available data transmission capacity with the plurality of
 6 video data associated with the dominant image;
 7 allocating a second percentage of available data transmission capacity with the plurality
 8 of video data associated with the background image, such that the plurality of video data
 9 associated with the dominant image is transferred at a relatively higher data transmission rate
 10 than the plurality of video data associated with the background image.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of increasing the redundancy
 2 of the plurality of video data associated with the dominant image.

1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of concealing at least one
 2 error of the video data associated with the background image by replacing data associated with
 3 the at least one error with corresponding video data received at an earlier time.